

only fair to push them through as soon as possible. I urge the leadership and the Committee to move them, including Bonnie Campbell, with all due speed. The American people and the people of Iowa's Eighth Circuit are ill-served by these vacancies.

#### VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, it has been more than a year since the Columbine tragedy, but still this Republican Congress refuses to act on sensible gun legislation.

Since Columbine, thousands of Americans have been killed by gunfire. Until we act, Democrats in the Senate will read the names of some of those who have lost their lives to gun violence in the past year, and we will continue to do so every day that the Senate is in session.

In the name of those who died, we will continue this fight. Following are the names of some of the people who were killed by gunfire one year ago today.

September 11, 1999:  
Terry Baines, 21, Houston, TX;  
Rodrigo Barrera, 23, Chicago, IL;  
Armida Enriquez-Sotelo, 30, Denver, CO;  
Kris Frazier, 26, Oakland, CA;  
Jose Frezzia, 44, Miami, FL;  
Anthony Harris, 25, Chicago, IL;  
Camiela Hinds, 36, Nashville, TN;  
Rendell Hamilton, 23, Detroit, MI;  
Jose McDuffie, 34, Philadelphia, PA;  
Joseph Mendoza, 17, Houston, TX;  
Mickey Peace, Dallas, TX;  
Maurice Jackson, 24, Oklahoma City, OK;  
Jose Monge-Rodriguez, 31, Denver, CO;  
James K. Nelson, 56, Seattle, WA;  
Hugh Rollins, San Francisco, CA;  
James Thorne, 46, Philadelphia, PA;  
Unidentified Male, 25, Newark, NJ;  
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Unidentified Male, San Francisco, CA;  
Unidentified Male, 45, York, PA.

One of the gun violence victims I mentioned, 56-year-old James Nelson of Seattle, was shot in the chest and killed one year ago today when he went into his kitchen to investigate a noise he heard outside. James was shot through his kitchen window and died on the floor while trying to call for help.

Another victim, 30-year-old Armida Enriquez-Sotelo of Denver, was shot and killed one year ago today by her estranged husband during an argument before he turned the gun on himself.

Following are other victims of gun violence who died one year ago this weekend.

September 9, 2000:  
Carlos Amador, 33, Dallas, TX;  
Lionel Glover, 23, Chicago, IL;  
Annie Goodman, 73, Miami, FL;  
Marlys Harper, 28, Elkhart, IN;

Michael Hooten, 34, Atlanta, GA;  
Michael L. Murphy, Jr., 19, Chicago, IL;  
Courtney Smith, 45, Houston, TX;  
Harold Waytus, 79, St. Louis, MO;  
Richard Williams, 43, Chicago, IL;  
Robert Young, 32, Baltimore, MD;  
Unidentified Male, 16, San Jose, CA.  
September 10, 2000:  
Donald Burford, 51, Dallas, TX;  
Daniel Delarge, 21, Philadelphia, PA;  
Curly Faulkner, 22, Memphis, TN;  
Mardio House, 26, Baltimore, MD;  
Evon Morgan, 48, Dallas, TX;  
Brian Robinson, 32, New Orleans, LA;  
Anthony Sanders, 24, Chicago, IL;  
Gholam Sohelinia, 48, Nashville, TN;  
Frank Walsh, 41, Philadelphia, PA;  
Cory L. Ward, 23, Gary, IN;  
Tavaris Williams, 22, Baltimore, MD;  
Unidentified Male, 42, Nashville, TN.

We cannot sit back and allow such senseless gun violence to continue. The deaths of these people are a reminder to all of us that we need to enact sensible gun legislation now.

#### THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business Friday, September 8, 2000, the Federal debt stood at \$5,680,083,623,060.12. Five trillion, six hundred eighty billion, eighty-three million, six hundred twenty-three thousand, sixty dollars and twelve cents.

One year ago, September 8, 1999, the Federal debt stood at \$5,656,210,000,000. Five trillion, six hundred fifty-six billion, two hundred ten million.

Five years ago, September 8, 1995, the Federal debt stood at \$4,962,704,000,000. Four trillion, nine hundred sixty-two billion, seven hundred four million.

Twenty-five years ago, September 8, 1975, the Federal debt stood at \$546,875,000,000. Five hundred forty-six billion, eight hundred seventy-five million, which reflects a debt increase of more than \$5 trillion—\$5,133,208,623,060.12. Five trillion, one hundred thirty-three billion, two hundred eight million, six hundred twenty-three thousand, sixty dollars and twelve cents, during the past 25 years.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### EMPIRE AIR FORCE STATION REUNION 2000

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, from 1950–80, a large part of the Empire, Michigan community revolved around its Air Force Base, and the men and women who not only worked there, but also lived and raised families together in the surrounding community. To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the base, as well as the relationships that developed between the families, several former Air Force Airmen have coordinated a reunion for

everyone who served during the 30 years the facility was open. The event will occur in Traverse City from September 20–23, and I rise today to recognize the Empire Air Force Station Reunion 2000.

Empire Air Force 752 Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron opened in 1950, having become necessary as an outgrowth of the Cold War. The primary mission of the base was to protect nearby metropolitan areas, including Detroit and Chicago, from enemy bombers, as well as to provide assistance to commercial aviation.

When the station opened, it was a completely manual operation and thus had over 300 personnel assigned. The first personnel assigned to the base were housed in the Village of Empire. Eventually, in 1956, nine family housing units were completed, and soon thereafter servicemen and their families moved into these units.

As the Air Force Base expanded in size, so too did the residential area. Between 1960–62, recreational facilities, including a two-lane bowling center, two recreation courts and a softball field, were completed. These did not serve just to provide the feel of a community, they truly created a community, providing children with places to play together and families with places to congregate with one another.

In 1965, the Federal Aviation Administration assumed the maintenance of much of the radar equipment, and with the steady advancement of technology, the FAA ultimately took control of the Air Force Station in 1980. During the many years that the FAA and the Air Force shared the station, the relations between the two groups were congenial, which was a tribute to both parties.

The reunion includes many outstanding events. There is a banquet Friday evening at the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City, as well as a hospitality suite at the hotel that will be open from noon on Wednesday, September 20th until noon on Saturday, September 23rd. There is also an open house at the Air Force Base on Saturday, hosted by the FAA.

Mr. President, as I extend greetings to all those gathered for the Empire Air Force Reunion, I also congratulate Mr. Don Ostendorf and Mr. Lowell Woodworth, the Reunion Coordinators, on the job they have done putting this reunion together. Their hard work and dedication have surely paid off. On behalf of the entire United States, I hope that everyone enjoys a wonderful four days, and I welcome all those individuals who have left the Wolverine State back home.●

#### NATIONAL ASSISTED LIVING WEEK

• Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I wish today to draw the Senate's attention